

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:41  
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2002  
PERFORMANCE OF POLLUTION CONTROL BOARDS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the CAG report for 2000 wherein the Pollution Control Boards are stated to be not up to their task as reported in the Hindustan Times dated December 12, 2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Boards have not achieved the desired results in controlling the pollution; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore and if not, the extent of success achieved in this regards?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) , (b) , (c) & (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 41 for reply on 4.3.2002 regarding Performance of Pollution Control Boards.

(a) & (b) : The Government is aware of the report of the CAG for the year ended March 2000 as also the press report. The Comptroller and Auditor General's Report indicated gaps in implementation of programmes relating to pollution prevention, control and abatement of water pollution including the performance of Pollution Control Boards.

(c)&(d) : The Pollution Control Boards have been able to control pollution through various preventive, promotional and mitigative measures. The initiatives taken by the Pollution Control Boards have resulted in reduction of pollution from different sources.